SSI Units upto 24 per cent. The other policy measures which are under formulation relate to Limited Partnership Act, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme for small scale units in rural and backward areas, package for tiny sector, etc.

Joint Venture between Du Pont and Thapar Group

2989. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tie-up proposal between Du Pont of USA and Thapar Group for manufacture of Nylon 66 and Spandex Fibres is yet to be given clearance even after a delay of many years;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent press reports that Du Pont is backing up from the venture alleging discrimination and cost overruns from Rs. 180 crores to Rs. 500 crores; and

(c) whether Du-Ponts backing out would dampen the enthusiasm of new investors coming our way under the liberalised economic policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The company has informed that M/s Thapar and M/s Du Pont are fully committed to the project.

(c) Does not arise.

Clearance to foreign investors

2990. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given clearance to the multinational fastfood chain Mc Burger (Mc Donald) of USA to set up shops in India;

(b) if so, whether Government would also consider clearing such proposals as coming from foreign investors in the priority core sector with equal efficiency; and

(c) whether Government would consider restricting foreign investments only to priority|core sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) M/s McDonald's Corporation, USA have been given approval on 15th February, 1993 to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India, for setting up McDonald's restaurants.

(b) and (c) Approvals for direct foreign investment upto 51 per cent foreign equity in high priority industries listed in Annex-III of the New Industrial Policy are issued by the Reserve Bank of India within a period of two weeks.

Other foreign investment proposals, including proposals for foreign investment in non-Annex-III areas are also considered and cleared on merit by the Government generally within a period of 45 days.

2291. [*Transferred to 26th March*, 1993]

1992. [*Transferred to 24th March*, 1993]

2993. [*Transferred to 20th March*, 1993]

Representation of women in decision making bodies

2994. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Women entrepreneurs have demanded effective representation in various official decision-making bodies in or-